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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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Report for the month of AUGUST, 1946.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Salos Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1945 was estimated to be 491,579.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Note: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

| | | | JUNE JULY | | 7 Months ended JULY | |
|---------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| | | | 1946 | 1945 | 1946 | 1945 |
| Marriages | .. | No. | 384 | 323 | 3,005 | 2,218 |
| " | | * Rate per 1,000 of population | 9.14 | 7.74 | 10.49 | 7.79 |
| Births | .. | No. | 1,033 | 865 | 6,080 | 6,483 |
| " | | * Rate per 1,000 of population | 24.59 | 20.74 | 21.22 | 22.79 |
| Deaths | .. | No. | 508 | 482 | 2,694 | 2,672 |
| " | | * Rate per 1,000 of population | 12.09 | 11.56 | 9.40 | 9.39 |
| Infant Mortality | No. | | 39 | 26 | 199 | 178 |
| " | | Rate per 1,000 Live births | 37.75 | 30.06 | 32.73 | 27.46 |
| PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH | | | | | | |
| Tuberculosis | | | 16 | 20 | 109 | 100 |
| Cancer | | | 60 | 69 | 318 | 347 |
| Influenza | | | 1 | - | 7 | 2 |
| Diphtheria | | | 1 | 2 | 8 | 12 |
| Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc. | | | 37 | 48 | 232 | 262 |
| Arteriosclerosis | | | 18 | 18 | 84 | 101 |
| Diseases of the Heart | | | 155 | 143 | 734 | 707 |
| Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia | | | 46 | 29 | 167 | 154 |
| Diarrhoea and Enteritis | | | 2 | - | 23 | 33 |
| Nephritis | | | 18 | 21 | 97 | 106 |
| Diseases of Early Infancy | | | 18 | 14 | 100 | 101 |
| Senility | | | 12 | 12 | 66 | 87 |
| Accidents | | | 27 | 25 | 186 | 141 |
| All Other Causes | | | 97 | 81 | 563 | 519 |
| TOTAL | | | 508 | 482 | 2,694 | 2,672 |

* Equivalent Annual Rate

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eight months ended August totalled 172,541 acres, an increase of 25,959 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,368,515 acres, an increase of 37,401 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

| | Month of August | | 2 months ended August | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| | 1946 | 1945 | 1946 | 1945 |
| Revenue | 1,068,965 | 1,084,755 | 2,168,735 | 2,046,147 |
| Revenue per Head of Population | £2,3.3d. | £2,4.3d. | £4,7.9d. | £4,3.5d. |
| Expenditure | 1,185,513 | 1,135,890 | 2,407,469 | 2,357,235 |
| Expenditure per Head of Popln. | £2,7.11d. | £2,6.4d. | £4,17.4d. | £4,16.2d. |

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st August amounted to £38,246,959, or £77.5.4d. per head of population, as against £32,749,302, or £66.15.0d. per head as at the 31st August last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 26th August, 1946, amounted to £3,751,138, compared with £2,667,136 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

| Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds | | | AUGUST | | 2 months ended August | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------------------|------|
| | | | 1946 | 1945 | 1946 | 1945 |
| Transfers .. | (No. | 1,701 | 918 | 3,513 | 1,963 | |
| | (£ | 858,237 | 405,536 | 1,828,933 | 777,290 | |
| Mortgages .. | (No. | 1,36 | 338 | 2,002 | 676 | |
| | (£ | 852,830 | 470,968 | 1,707,879 | 770,566 | |
| Discharges of Mortgages | No. | 939 | 581 | 1,887 | 1,153 | |

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

| Month of Receipt of Returns. | Taxable Goods | | Sales of Exempt Goods | Tax Collected |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| | Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross) | Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross) | | |
| 1945 - | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| August | 789,944 | 794,990 | 1,376,342 | 122,190 |
| September | 740,005 | 1,022,344 | 1,296,822 | 117,040 |
| October | 915,297 | 625,467 | 1,420,116 | 121,706 |
| November | 896,541 | 840,276 | 1,671,491 | 133,311 |
| December | 342,650 | 565,516 | 644,750 | 56,462 |
| 1946 - | | | | |
| January | 1,510,643 | 1,062,887 | 2,830,201 | 236,000 |
| February | 931,232 | 764,293 | 1,503,464 | 144,395 |
| March | 976,682 | 773,005 | 1,733,304 | 143,435 |
| April | 915,207 | 871,315 | 1,641,961 | 141,173 |
| May | 1,162,813 | 932,276 | 1,995,413 | 168,832 |
| June | 1,129,462 | 985,112 | 1,556,333 | 158,604 |
| July | 1,017,708 | 731,534 | 2,054,818 | 142,235 |
| August | 734,719 | 824,237 | 1,483,285 | 164,837 |

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

16 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £123,500, and 5 Foreign Companies were registered during the two months ended 31st August, 1946. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 6 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £426,000 and 7 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

| | Two Months ended AUGUST | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|------|------------------|-------------|
| | 1946 | | | 1945 | | |
| | No. | Liabilities £ | Assets £ | No. | Liabilities £ | Assets £ |
| Sequestration Orders | 5 | 5,152 | 2,077 | 3 | 10,855 | 5,653 |
| Deeds of Assignment (a) | 2 | 4,107 | 4,387 | - | - | - |
| Deeds of Arrangement | - | - | - | - | - | - |

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

| | | JULY | | 12 Months ended JUNE | |
|-----------------------------|---|------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| | | 1946 | 1945 | 1946 | 1945 |
| Gross Earnings | £ | 333,100 | 322,100 | 4,016,718 4,106,718 | 4,276,250 |
| Working Expenses | £ | 372,926 | 315,441 | 4,026,706 | 3,764,200 |
| Train Miles Run | | 573,846 | 511,112 | 6,409,278 | 6,262,697 |
| Passenger Journeys | | 1,163,971 | 1,285,061 | 17,136,230 | 18,099,395 |
| Tonnage Carried - | | | | | |
| Paying Goods | | 205,694 | 199,618 | 2,589,524 | 2,765,099 |
| Livestock | | 12,431 | 10,344 | 138,178 | 139,332 |
| Departmental (Free Freight) | | 52,659 | 37,289 | 467,157 | 558,553 |
| Total | | 270,784 | 247,251 | 3,194,859 | 3,462,984 |
| Net Ton Mileage of - | | | | | |
| Paying Goods | | 28,769,685 | 26,563,412 | 335,528,664 | 319,516,276 |
| Livestock | | 1,529,509 | 1,104,558 | 16,304,189 | 15,281,119 |
| Departmental (Free Freight) | | 8,865,498 | 5,668,925 | 69,162,502 | 78,509,759 |
| Total | | 39,164,692 | 33,336,895 | 420,995,355 | 413,307,154 |

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

| Period | METROPOLITAN AREA | | | | ENTIRE STATE | | | |
|--------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|
| | Cars (including Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities | Buses | Motor Cycles | Cars (including Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities | Buses | Motor Cycles |
| Year - | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| 1944 | 23 | 310 | 5 | 35 | 28 | 803 | 9 | 93 |
| 1945 | 32 | 218 | 8 | 107 | 39 | 475 | 9 | 174 |
| 1946 - | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 8 | 13 | - | 27 | 8 | 24 | - | 35 |
| Feb. | 11 | 24 | - | 41 | 11 | 38 | - | 45 |
| March | 9 | 19 | - | 37 | 9 | 51 | - | 42 |
| April | 17 | 25 | - | 30 | 18 | 49 | 1 | 33 |
| May | 22 | 49 | - | 44 | 27 | 98 | 2 | 45 |
| June | 7 | 15 | - | 18 | 8 | 24 | - | 18 |
| July | 35 | 24 | - | 31 | 35 | 56 | - | 46 |
| August | 44 | 24 | 2 | 37 | (a) | (a) | (a) | (a) |

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

| Date (as at end of month) | METROPOLITAN AREA | | | | ENTIRE STATE | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|
| | Cars (including Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities | Buses | Motor Cycles | Cars (including Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities | Buses | Motor Cycles |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| 1944 - | | | | | | | | |
| June | 18,133 | 5,578 | 231 | 2,639 | 30,295 | 22,183 | 276 | 4,324 |
| 1945 - | | | | | | | | |
| June | 18,478 | 6,603 | 244 | 2,783 | 30,635 | 23,649 | 294 | 4,501 |
| 1946 - | | | | | | | | |
| June | 19,214 | 7,989 | 204 | 4,295 | 31,316 | 28,147 | 309 | 6,794 |
| July | 18,534 | 7,623 | 80 | 3,912 | 29,679 | 26,110 | 144 | 5,944 |
| August | 19,029 | 8,444 | 204 | 4,289 | (a) | (a) | (a) | (a) |

(a) Not yet available.

(3) COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES (excluding Defence Service Vehicles)

1946 - AUGUST

Cars Wagons, Vans, etc. Buses Motor Cycles

91

447

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T R A D E.

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) - July, 1946 and 1945 and years ended June, 1946 and 1945 - expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

| | IMPORTS | | | | EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores) | | | |
|------------|---------|---------|----------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| | JULY | | 12 Months ended June | | JULY | | 12 Months ended June | |
| | 1946 | 1945 | 1946 | 1945 | 1946 | 1945 | 1946 | 1945 |
| | (£1000) | (£1000) | (£1000) | (£1000) | (£1000) | (£1000) | (£1000) | (£1000) |
| Oversea | 562 | 328 | 6,041 | 5,052 | 1,714 | 1,172 | 19,509 | 13,569 |
| Interstate | 1,059 | 964 | 16,119 | 13,432 | 279 | 627 | 5,878 | 5,834 |
| Total | 1,621 | 1,292 | 22,160 | 18,484 | 1,993 | 1,799 | 25,387 | 19,403 |

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

| Period | New Dwellings and Hotels | | Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc. | | Additions and Alterations | | Total Permits Issued | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|----------------------|----------|
| | No. | Value £ | No. | Value £ | No. | Value £ | No. | Value £ |
| AUGUST, 1946 | *131 | *138,382 | 12 | 4,616 | 259 | 28,256 | *402 | *171,254 |
| AUGUST, 1945 | 92 | 68,481 | - | - | 173 | 19,207 | 265 | 87,688 |
| 2 Months ended AUGUST, 1946 | 273 | 301,476 | 20 | 15,956 | 497 | 54,336 | 795 | 371,768 |
| 2 Months ended AUGUST, 1945 | 138 | 102,010 | - | - | 346 | 28,356 | 484 | 130,366 |

* Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme which number 33 for a value of £35,050.

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.
(15 Local Government Authorities)

| Period | New Dwellings and Hotels | | Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc. | | Additions and Alterations | | Total Permits Issued | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|----------------------|----------|
| | No. | Value £ | No. | Value £ | No. | Value £ | No. | Value £ |
| AUGUST, 1946 | *38 | *34,016 | 8 | 2,410 | 48 | 6,566 | * 94 | * 42,992 |
| AUGUST, 1945 | 4 | 2,563 | 2 | 100 | 20 | 1,312 | 26 | 3,975 |
| 2 Months ended AUGUST, 1946 | 56 | 48,398 | 9 | 4,010 | 100 | 10,702 | 165 | 63,110 |
| 2 Months ended AUGUST, 1945 | 7 | 5,503 | 4 | 650 | 47 | 2,430 | 58 | 8,583 |

* Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme which number 19 for a value of £19,470.

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,151,119 lbs. were produced during July, 1946, and 12,680,713 lbs. for the twelve months ended June, 1946, as against 1,108,559 lbs. and 12,684,353 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

| | | AUGUST | | 8 Months ended AUGUST | |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|-----------------------|-----------|
| | | 1946 | 1945 | 1946 | 1945 |
| Quantity | Fine Oz. | 87,563 | 59,414 | 390,535 | 321,513 |
| Value (Australian Currency) £ | | 942,397 | 639,448 | 4,193,147 | 3,427,786 |

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the eight months ended August, 1946 amounted to £279,525, as against £279,916 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base. weighted average of six capital cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

| | AUGUST | | 2 Months ended AUGUST | |
|-----------------------|--------|------|-----------------------|------|
| | 1946 | 1945 | 1946 | 1945 |
| Food and Groceries :- | | | | |
| Metropolitan Area | 1052 | 1069 | 1060 | 1069 |
| Kalgoorlie-Boulder | 1186 | 1201 | 1194 | 1202 |
| Northam | 1066 | 1079 | 1075 | 1080 |
| Bunbury | 1050 | 1051 | 1057 | 1054 |
| Geraldton | 1077 | 1091 | 1085 | 1093 |

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

| Month | <p>FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)</p> | | | | | <p>RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees) = 1000</p> | | | | |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|---------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945(a) | 1946(a) | 1942 | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1946 |
| January | 116 | 128 | 137 | 142 | 146 | 1014 | 865 | 826 | 870 | 995 |
| February | 118 | 130 | 138 | 142 | 148 | 986 | 861 | 824 | 868 | 1016 |
| March | 118 | 132 | 139 | 144 | 152 | 962 | 846 | 825 | 877 | 1045 |
| April | 118 | 134 | 139 | 144 | 153 | 955 | 835 | 827 | 876 | 1051 |
| May | 119 | 131 | 140 | 144 | 155 | 927 | 836 | 832 | 891 | 1069 |
| June | 118 | 135 | 139 | 145 | *157 | 907 | 835 | 829 | 903 | 1087 |
| July | 117 | 136 | 140 | 145(a) | 159 | 888 | 828 | 832 | 899 | 1096 |
| August | 119 | 136 | 140 | 144 | | 882 | 814 | 832 | 897 | |
| Sept. | 120 | 137 | 140 | 141 | | 877 | 806 | 834 | 914 | |
| October | 122 | 138 | 140 | 141 | | 874 | 801 | 837 | 929 | |
| November | 123 | 136 | 141 | 144 | | 873 | 814 | 851 | 965 | |
| December | 124 | 137 | 142 | 144 | | 886 | 840 | 886 | 1012 | |

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1945 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

* Revised.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

| | AUGUST | | 2 Months ended AUGUST | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| | 1946 | 1945 | 1946 | 1945 |
| Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.) | 18,476 | 16,687 | 37,779 186,641 | 34,419 |
| Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.) | 15,592 | 14,154 | 31,552 159,065 | 29,551 |

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

| Month | Cattle | Calves | Sheep | Pigs |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| August, 1946 | 13,586 | 444 | 77,674 | 11,533 |
| August, 1945 | 5,972 | 194 | 53,098 | 11,110 |
| 8 Months ended August, 1946 | 69,724 | 2,398 | 509,704 | 105,627 |
| 9 Months ended August, 1945 | 48,254 | 2,109 | 488,974 | 104,277 |